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## **IUB sets temporary rates, will investigate private fire rates in water case**

The Iowa Utilities Board today granted Iowa-American Water Company an estimated 6.93 percent temporary rate increase, which could generate about \$2.29 million of additional annual revenue for the utility. The company had requested a temporary increase of \$4.4 million (13.72 percent).

The Board also announced that private fire rates in Clinton will not increase in temporary rates and it will investigate rate design issues for private fire service in this case, based on feedback received at customer comment meetings in June.

Residential customers' water bills, on average, will increase by approximately \$2.10 per month in the interim while the Board considers permanent rates in an ongoing rate case. Iowa law requires temporary rates be established based on specific criteria and principles. The temporary rates are subject to customer refund, with interest, should the Board establish final rates that are lower than temporary rates. The Board's decision on permanent rates is expected by the end of February 2012.

On April 29, 2011, Iowa-American filed its proposal for a permanent annual revenue increase of approximately \$5.1 million (16.04 percent) and its temporary rate increase request.

This rate case will continue with an evidentiary hearing in Des Moines to cross-examine witnesses during the week of November 7, 2011. The hearing will be open to the public but will not be a forum for public comments like the customer comment meetings that were held in Clinton and Bettendorf in June.

The Board continues to accept written public comments in this rate case, identified as Docket No. RPU-2011-0001. The most effective written comments are concise and make specific points about why someone supports or objects to the rate request. More information about this rate case and an electronic comment form is available at <http://iub.iowa.gov>. Written comments may also be mailed to the Iowa Utilities Board, Executive Secretary, Docket No. RPU-2011-0001, 1375 East Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Iowa-American serves approximately 60,900 customers in Iowa.

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**Attention News Editors/Directors:** Full and final details of today's temporary rate decision will be included in the Board's Temporary Rates Decision Order (Docket No. RPU-2011-0001), which will be accessible at <http://efs.iowa.gov> sometime in the next several weeks.